

MINUTES

May 15, 2007

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on May 15, 2007, in Conference Room 102 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Doris I. Willmer, PE, Chairperson
Elmo A. Richardson, Jr., PE/LS, Vice-Chairman – arrived at 1:20 pm
Mark E. Chastain, LS
William W. Dean, PE
Guy F. Ritter, PE
E. Charles Vickery, PE
Stephen R. Richards, PE
E. Scott Evans, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

James W. Butler, LS

STAFF PRESENT:

J. Darren Mickler – Board Executive Director
Julie Busbee – Application Specialist/Board Secretary
Vivian Stephens – Application Specialist
Sharon Harrison – Investigative Assistant

ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General – via teleconference

GUESTS PRESENT:

Todd Long, representing Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT)
Greg Mayo, representing Georgia DOT
Lonnie Sears, LS, representing SAMSOG
Hardwick Butler, representing SAMSOG
Steve Skalko, PE, representing GSPE

Call to order:

At 9:30 am, Chairperson Willmer called the meeting to order and asked for any additions or deletions to the proposed agenda. Mr. Chastain requested to add an item to New Business, Board Rule 180-12-.02. Mr. Chastain moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Willmer presented a draft of the April 10, 2007 minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Mr. Ritter moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. Chastain seconded. Motion carried.

Professional Societies and Guests:

Ms. Willmer recognized the guests present: Todd Long, representing Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT); Greg Mayo, representing Georgia DOT; Hardwick Butler, representing SAMSOG; Lonnie Sears, representing SAMSOG; and Steve Skalko, representing GSPE.

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Mickler reported that he and Mr. Vickery represented the Board at the Southern Zone NCEES meeting in Kentucky in April. Items that were discussed were a new 16-hour Structural Engineer examination and a bachelor's degree plus 30 hours for PE requirements. Also, computer-based testing was discussed. There will be a Law Enforcement forum during the annual meeting in Philadelphia in August.

Mr. Mickler also reported that he met with a representative from Australia Professional Engineers who had questions about requirements for licensure.

Mr. Mickler asked Board members to let him know if they would like to attend the annual meeting in Philadelphia in August. He will request funding for those interested to attend.

New Business:

Georgia DOT:

Todd Long and Greg Mayo, representing the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT), presented an overview of training that the DOT gives their engineers to prepare them for the exams and licensure.

Board Rule 180-14 regarding Global Positioning Systems (GPS):

Mr. Chastain presented a draft for a new rule regarding Minimum Technical Standards for GPS Surveys. After discussion, Ms. Baker asked to meet with Mr. Chastain and Mr. Sears to review the rule draft before it is posted. Mr. Chastain moved to table this item until September for further discussion. Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Task Force Reports:

Chairperson Willmer reported that the Coalition has not met because Karen Handel, Secretary of State will be giving an overview of the Licensing Boards at the June 15 meeting. Ms. Willmer did meet with Ms. Handel and was told that Ms. Handel is studying how the Licensing Boards conduct business, concentrating on Enforcement. Ms. Handel is very interested in Continuing Education audits. She is in favor of an e-mailed or online quarterly newsletter. Ms. Handel wants there to be designated “go-to” people for each Board for the media to be able to contact, should questions arise. The Board agreed that questions will go to the Board Chairperson, and then referred to other Board members as needed.

Ms. Handel will be meeting with all Board Chairs and Executive Directors on May 30 in Macon.

New Construction Engineering Course at Southern Polytech:

Mr. Dean discussed a new Construction Engineering program at Southern Polytechnic State University. There was general discussion regarding this item. No action was taken.

Board Rule 180-12-.02:

Mr. Chastain discussed the language of Board Rule 180-12-.02, specifically paragraphs (3), (5) and (6) regarding signatures on sealed documents. Mr. Chastain moved to amend the rule to reinsert the sentence to the end of paragraph (1) as was previously in the rule as follows:

“This Rule shall not apply to recordable property plats governed under O.C.G.A. 15-6-67(b)(2)(E).”

Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

At 11:40 am Mr. Ritter moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on complaints and investigative reports. Mr. Chastain seconded. Motion carried.

The following Board members were present during Executive Session – Chairperson Willmer, Mr. Chastain, Mr. Dean, Mr. Evans, Mr. Richards, Mr. Vickery and Mr. Ritter.

Reconvened Open Session at 2:10 pm with the following Board members present – Chairperson Willmer, Mr. Chastain, Mr. Evans, Mr. Richards, Mr. Vickery and Mr. Ritter.

Investigations and Complaints:

Mr. Chastain moved to adopt the recommendations for the following cases. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried.

PELS030025 – This case involved a professional engineer with allegations of assisting unlicensed practice. Mr. Chastain moved to close with no action.

PELS060083 – This case involved a person who was involved in cheating on the EIT exam. Respondent asked for grade to be reinstated and not have to retake the exam. Mr. Ritter moved to allow her to take the exam at the next seating. Mr. Dean amended that she not be charged for the re-exam.

PELS070040 – This case involved an engineering firm with no Certificate of Authorization. The firm has obtained a Certificate of Authorization and paid \$500. Case closed.

PELS070037 – This case involved allegations of a land surveying firm offering engineering services. Case closed with no violations.

PELS070042 – This case involved allegations of a firm offering engineering services in Georgia. Case closed with no violations.

PELS070039 – This case involved an engineering firm with no Certificate of Authorization. The firm has obtained a Certificate of Authorization and paid \$500. Case closed.

PELS070015 – This case involved a professional engineer with allegations of substandard work. Close with no action.

PELS0200090 – This case involved allegations of unlicensed practice of engineering. Close with no action.

PELS070011 – This case involved a professional engineer with allegations of assisting unlicensed practice. Close with letter of concern.

PELS050063 – This case involved allegations of unlicensed practice of engineering. Close with letter of concern.

PELS040050 – This case involved a firm using the word “Engineering” in the firm name. Accept that they change the name to take the word “Engineering” out and remove it from any advertising and phone book listing.

PELS070044 – This case involved a license renewal with Public Consent Order. Respondent asked for the Consent Order to be private rather public. Continue with original offer of Public Consent Order with probation running concurrently with the Florida Board probation for renewal of his license.

PELS070047 – This case involved violations of the Plat Act. Close with letter of concern.

Release Danny Doss, PE015472 from probation and return to active status.

Accept signed Cease and Desist Order from Louis Belgio for unlicensed practice of land surveying.

Accept signed Cease and Desist Order from Ryan Woodcum for unlicensed practice of land surveying.

Accept signed Consent Order and penalty fee of \$4000 from Henry Lawson Graham PE011697 for substandard work.

Accept signed Cease and Desist Order from David Scott McNabb for unlicensed practice of land surveying.

Accept signed Consent Order from Norman Baxter Deloach, LS001347 for copying parts of someone else's survey onto a new plat and sealing it as his own.

Reinstatements:

Mr. Vickery moved to reinstate Mysore Chandrakanth, PE023935. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

Board Memo Comity Model Law Applicants:

Applicants for registration as Professional Engineers by comity, who have an ABET engineering degree, who have taken and passed an 8-hour fundamentals of engineering (EIT/FE) exam, who have a minimum of 48 months post graduation engineering experience as determined by a staff evaluation using the present Board guidelines, who have taken and passed an 8-hour principles and practice of engineering exam (PE Exam-taken at least 4 years after BS degree), and who comply in every way with the provisions of the appropriate law are as follows:

32013 Abell, Dennis G.
32016 Harris, Christopher A.
32019 Maginnis, Andrew R.
32022 Steigman, Gary U.
32025 Jones, Larry E.
32028 Simth, Leigh C.
32031 Fidler, Delos D.
32034 Park, Shane C.
32037 Andoh, Daniel K.
32040 Carter, Michael Allen

32014 Amlin, Rick J.
32017 Holton, Randall R.
32020 McClancy, John C.
32023 Williams, S. Hoyt
32026 Kukoyi, Mobolaji O.
32029 Turney, Glen R.
32032 LKi, Zengxuan
32035 Kuhlmann, Keith J.
32038 Blackman, Dan
32041 Chorlog, John W.

32015 Dittmaier, Thomas A.
32018 Jones, Warren R Jr.
32021 Presnell, Randy W.
32024 Aden, Mark D.
32027 Raubenolt, Michael W.
32030 Edy, Scott M.
32033 Swantner, Jerome J.
32036 Murphy, Brian T.
32039 Caron, Daniel J.
32042 Declue, Scott C.

32043 Ellinger, Jeffrey Lynn	32044 Francis, Terry S.	32045 Hall, Charles Gregory
32046 Humphries, Eddie James	32047 Jones, William Joseph	32048 Kelley, James d.
32049 Lynch, Craig A.	32050 Lyon, Zachary Gannon	32051 Mascaro, James David
32052 McGavran, Edward G. III	32053 Melling, Richard A.	32054 Morr, Douglas R.
32055 Mullen, Benjamin Russell	32056 Myers, Ronald D.	32057 Powell, Richard Tad
32058 Primm, James Phillip Ray	32059 Rose, Albert Mark	32060 Schoenthal, Carl Lee
32061 Siglow, Peter John	32062 Stitcher, Robert Samuel	32063 Swann, E Mitchell
32064 Wellington, Brian K.	32065 Whitmer, Jon Chandlee	32066 Wilson, Gregory Scott
32067 Wong, Sheung S.	32068 Wright, E. Webb	32069 Myers, Patrick C. Jr.
32070 Stalcup, Thomas E.	32071 James, Jamie G.	32072 Smolinsky, Steven A.
32073 Kohl, Eric S.	32074 Barman, Evan C.	32075 Bryan, Daryl A.
32076 Callahan, William E.	32077 Cullen, Steven C.	32078 Lee, Horatio R.
32079 Albertson, Tyler J.	32080 Barry, Daphne M.	32081 Dong, James
32082 Duffey, Michael E.	32083 Raymundo, William W.	32084 Zendegui, Stephen
32085 Anderson, John R.	32086 Baber, John D.	32087 Bishop, Tony H.
32088 Bueschel, Gerard J.	32089 Wilson, Estus C. III	

Motion was made by Mr. Chastain to approve these applicants for PE registration by comity @ 43-15-16(a), via 43-15-8(1) and 43-15-9(1). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richards. The motion carried.

Regular Applicants for Certification as Engineers-In-Training by Exam:

Applicants for certification as Engineers-in-Training by examination whose degrees were earned in engineering or engineering technology programs which attained ABET/CAB accreditation within two years of their having received their degrees, who have filed with the Board five acceptable references, who have had no convictions for moral turpitude or substantive reasons, and who comply in every way with the provisions of the appropriate law(s), are as follows:

Clubb, Richard Thomas	Dobrovaska-Ilieva, Petia S.	Falcon, Franklin Michael
Foong, Chiu Wai	Gossage Jr., Wayne Allan	Graham, Christopher Patrick
Gritz, Nicholas Arthur	Havens, Chad Michael	Haynes, LaShanda Vontice
Kim, John Y.	Majmundar, Ankit Dinesh	Margavich, Allen Thomas
Melnyczuk, John Michael	Monroe, Jared Dane	Murphy, Donald Eugene
Nyankamawu, Mahama Amadu	Palacios, Mariano	Silva, Javier F.
Wong, Kai Chi		

Motion was made by Mr. Richardson to approve these applicants for EIT certification @ 43-15-8(1) or 43-15-8(2). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richards. The motion carried.

Mr. Richards mentioned that the Board should send a condolence letter to Virginia Tech with a copy to be sent to the Virginia Board regarding the recent deaths of students and faculty there. It was the consensus of the Board that this should be done.

There being no further business, at 2:18 pm, Mr. Chastain moved to adjourn. Mr. Richardson seconded. Motion carried. Some Board members remained to review applications until they were finished.

Board Chairman

Executive Director

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These minutes were approved at the June 14, 2007 meeting.